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Raymark Building Demolition Continues

Demolition of buildings #16, 29, 30, and 40 continues. Asbestos abatement continues to be performed ahead of the buildings to be demolished. Building debris is currently being taken off-site for disposal or recycling. As of Thursday, November 2, 137 tons of steel and one truck load of asbestos has been taken off-site. Assuming that EPA-New England receives approximately \$18 million needed for the work, demolition is expected to continue until February 1996.

Air Testing Results

From Wednesday, October 25, to Wednesday, November 1, perimeter air testing revealed no asbestos or dust at unsafe levels. On October 9, one perimeter air sample slightly exceeded the action level for lead. Although the concentration of lead was above the action level, the lead value does not indicate a health problem because it was a one time occurrence, of limited duration, and only from one location.

On October 2, 3, 4, 6, and 10th, air monitoring at one location detected a certain kind of PCB known as aroclor 1016. This PCB has previously never been detected at Raymark. From the wind direction information, it is not clear if this contaminant is coming from on-site or off-site. Aroclor 1016 is not as toxic as other kinds of PCBs known to exist at Raymark and the concentrations of aroclor 1016 that have been detected to-date are below levels that are a concern for public health.

In summary, the levels of contaminants that are being detected are very low and occur infrequently. The health agencies continue to evaluate and review air monitoring results to ensure contaminants are not migrating off-site at levels that are a concern for public health. Testing will continue until demolition is finished. The air testing results are available at the Stratford Public Library.

Solvent Removal Continues

3,513 gallons of a solvent-water mix and 21 gallons of solvent have been pumped out of the ground under the western part of the Raymark property. These liquids are temporarily stored in a tank and will be taken off-site for disposal. In addition, shallow and deep soil testing continues to more carefully define the areas of solvent contamination. This information will help in the design of the final system to extract the solvent.

Status of Budget for Cleanup

Currently EPA is operating on a continuation of last year's budget. \$44 million is still needed for demolition, solvent removal, and cap construction. Funding for the cleanup of the Raymark Property will continue to be unknown until a new budget is passed. If continued funding is not available by late November, the site would be safely at the end of December until work can continue.

Who to Contact With a Question or Problem?

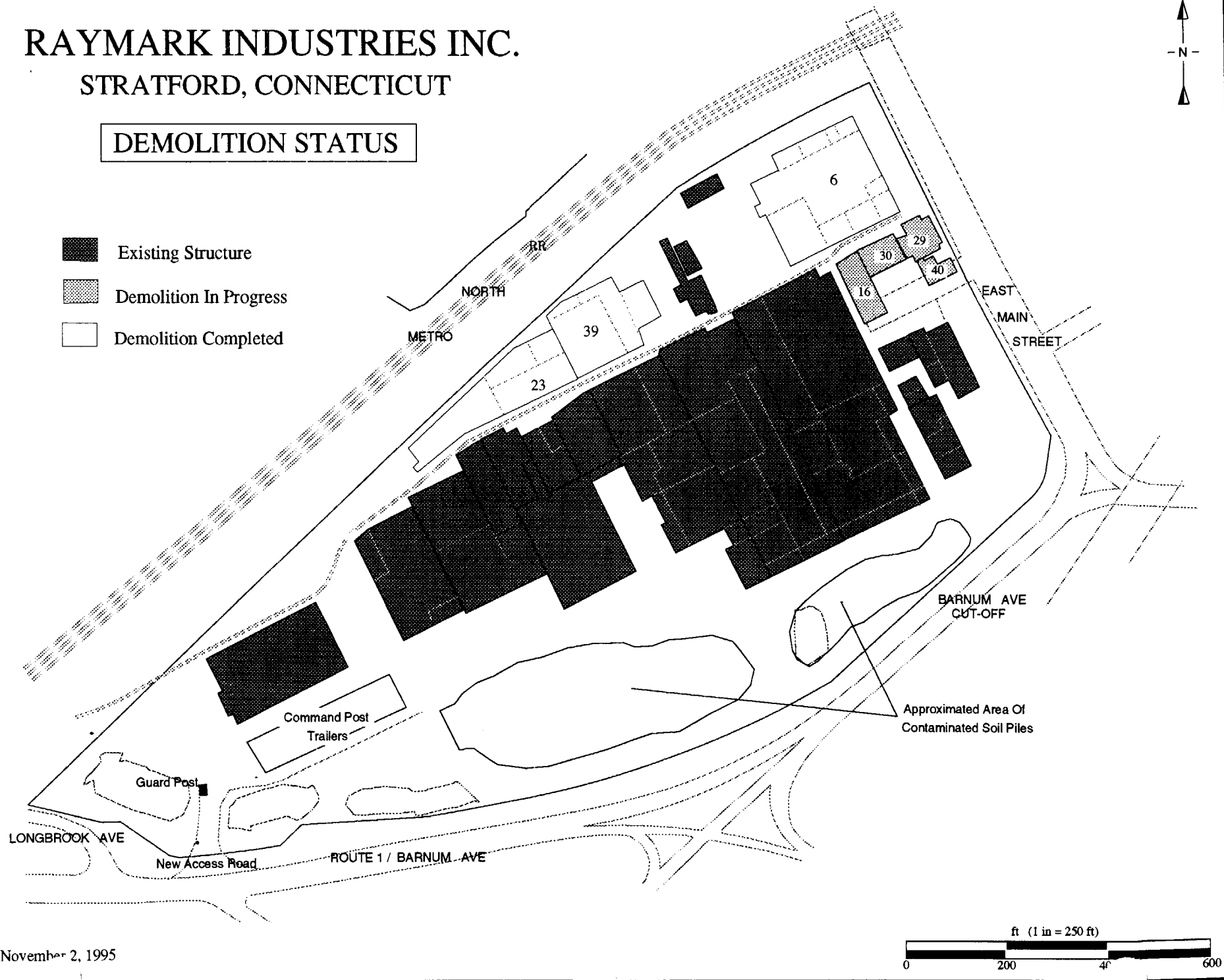
EPA is working closely with the Stratford Health Department. To receive these bulletins, please give us your name and address. Questions or problems should be brought to our attention -- Health Department 385-4090, or EPA Hotline 380-6034.

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DEMOLITION STATUS

- Existing Structure
- Demolition In Progress
- Demolition Completed



November 2, 1995